FLEMSTADTS

Most Strange and Wonderful

PROPHECY,

Foretelling what may be the

Wonderful Effects and Continuance

OF THIS

Present Frost,

AND

Great Snow;

With an Historical Account of the several Great FROSTS, since the Conquest.

Canst thou Bind the sweet Influences of Pleiades? *Or loose the Bands of* Orion, *Job* 38. *verse* 31.

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Obſervations on this Preſent Froſt, and Great SNOW.

IT is a Truth ſo undeniable Demonſtrable, that there is an *America* of Knowledge yet to be diſcovered, chiefly in the *Cœleſtial Kingdom*, that even the *Sacred Oracles* themſelves aſſure us of its Verity, *Day unto Day*, and *Night unto Night, teacheth Knowledge.* And there is a kind of Neceſſity, that there ſhould be a *plus ultra* in *Science*, for the ſatisfaction of the *curious Inquiſitors* that appear in Ages to come: But ſo prevalent is the *Spirit* of *Ignorance*, that the greater part of Mankind, rather *Scoff* at, than *Admire the Works of Gods Creation.* All People know there is a *Moon*, but few believe her *Influence*, although they daily feel it. 'Tis pity the commonneſs of things *truly Excellent*, ſhould render them *Contemptible*; yet ſuch is the *Miſery* unto which *Humanity*

is *Obnoxious*, that it ever doth so. He who truly studies the *Works of God*, will find that *Frost* and *Snow*, *Hail*, *Rain*, and *Wind*, &c. come not by *Chance*, or from any *unaccountable Motion of Matter*, but at set and determinate *periods* and *Revolations* of the *Planitary Bodies*. *Ptolemy* hath so great a regard to the *Moon's Influence*, That he tells us, all things *Animate* and *Inanimate*, receive her *Impression*.

Now, there are several *Ingenious* and *Learned Men*, ready enough to allow of the *Moon's Influence*, who nevertheless, will be apt to argue, that we live in an *Island* which hath no manner of Correspondency with the *Continent*, and therefore the Pretence of our *Prognosticks* of *Frost*, *Snow*, *Hail*, *Rain*, from the *Moon*, is not to be allow'd; but alas, as the *Incomparably Ingenious*, and most *Elaborate Student* in the *Changes of the Weather*, the Learned Dr. *Goad*, well Remarks, *This is but a meer excuse; for the*

New,

ew, and alſo the full Moon, hath the ſame Influence here and there, and all the World over, Obſervatis, Obſervandis, *in the prime product be ſure, and alſo in its Conſequents, according to the capacity of the Region or Country, and Seaſon of the Year; and what more can Reaſon expect?*

This Fourth, laſt, and worſt Quarter of all the Year, commenced with the *Sun's* entrance into the firſt Scruple of the *Tropick* of *Capricorn*; at which time the Inhabitants of this *Earthly Globe*, receive the leaſt Portion of the *Sun's Rays* and *Light*, which is one main Reaſon of *Froſt* and *Snow*, and other extremity of *Weather*.

In the Month of *January*, 1694. (though *December* threatned us with ſome pinching *Froſt*) is the Month Aſſigned by the Influence of the Colder Planets, and deſtined for *Winter*, to Exerciſe his Tyranny in: *Capricorn* the *Celeſtial* Sign governing, has many great Conjunctions in it, and the cold *Moon* that mainly Influences the *Air*, and the *Sea* comes to her *New* with ſharp and pointed Horns; and melancholly *Saturn* joins to ſcatter over the Earth, with *Froſt* and *Snow*, to Pinch and Pine poor Mortals: ſo that this Year not only begins with a hard and Niping *Froſt*, nor gives any Proſpect from the Continuance of theſe *Celeſtial Influences*, but that it

it will go out with the like. So that Rivers and other Great Waters, may be condenſed to that hardneſs, that we need not wade, or go about for Bridges. And many Poor People put to great ſtraights, and neceſſities; and ſome of them no doubt Dye, unleſs timely relieved with neceſſaries, by the Charity of well diſpoſed Perſons, which this weather no doubt will move to compaſſionate them.

February, Comes haſtily, uſhered in by *Jupiter*, he being on the place of the Conjunction of the laſt Month; and *Mars* and *Mercury* in oppoſitions and *Sol* and *Luna*, at the *Lunation* are in oppoſition to *Jupiter*, from all which we cannot gather but the Weather will Continue very Cold, and if their be Relentings, we cannot but gueſs it may have fits of Returnings, the Circuling Winds being threatned to be fixed for ſome time, in the *North*, *North-East*, and *South-Weſt*; ſo that from Cold *Greenland*, and *Eſtotiland*, Furious *Boreas*, threatens to bring *Froſt* and *Snow* on his broad ſpread Wings, and throw them over theſe Parts of the World; yet at laſt a ſoft relenting *South-Wind*, ſhall blow it away, and a warm Spring and a Plentious proſpect of a large Harveſt Enſues.

Yet let us mind thoſe that are Rich once more,
In theſe hard Months to feed the Starving Poor;
That Hungry Souls may bleſs them for their care,
Granting them Plenty and enough to ſpare.

And our hopes are, that we ſhall not have ſuch another *Froſt*, and *Snow* as in the Year 1683; when for 13. Weeks together, the *Thames* was Frozen over,

and

and a kind of a Fair kept thereon, called *Blaket-Fair*, from the Numerous Company of *Blankets* uſed for to cover their *Huts* or *Tents*, where both Men, Women, and Children, Horſes, Carts and Coaches, went thereon as on dry ground; the latter carrying the *Lawyers* in *Term-Time*, from the *Temple* to *Weſtminſter-Hall*, *and* Foot-Paſſengers went as thick as in any Street in *London*. There were alſo ſeveral Diverſions, as *Bull-baiting*, *Nine-Pin-Playing*, *&c.* a whole *Oxe Roaſted* on the *Ice* againſt *White-Hall*; and likewiſe a *Printing Preſs* was kept in a Booth over-againſt *York-Stairs*, where many thouſands had their *Names Printed*.

In the Reign of King *Edward* the *Third*, (according to the Account of Sir *Richard Baker*,) a *Froſt* laſted from the midſt of *September*, to the Month of *April*, and a great part of the time with great *Violence*.

In the ſeventh Year of Queen *Elizabeth*, on the 21ſt of *December* began a

Froſt,

Froſt, ſo extream, that on *New-Years-Eve*, People paſſed over the *Thames* on *Foot*: ſome play'd at *Foot-ball*, ſome ſhot at *Pricks*, as if it had been firm Ground. Yet the great *Froſt*, the third of *January* at Night, began to *thaw*, and by the Fifth Day, there was no *Ice* at all to be ſeen; which *Sudden Thaw*, cauſed great *Inundations*.

In the Sixth Year of the Reign of *King James* the Firſt, *Anno Dom.* 1608, a *Froſt* began in *December*, which continued till *April* following, with ſuch Violence, that not only the *Thames* was ſo *Frozen*, that *Carts loden*, were driven over as on *Dry-Land*, but many *Fowls* and *Birds* periſhed; as alſo, much *Herbage* in *Gardens*, eſpecially *Artichoaks* and *Roſemary*, were deſtroy'd.

In the Ninth Year of the Reign of King *Henry* the Fourth, there was ſo ſharp a *Winter*, and ſo great a *Froſt*, with ſuch Abundance of *Snow*, continuing *December*, *January*, *February*, and *March*, that great Quantities of *Cattle* and

and large *Fowl* died, and almoſt all *ſmall Birds* periſhed thro' Hunger.

In the Reign of King *Edward* the *Confeſſor*, in the Month of *January*, ſuch abundance of *Snow* fells continuing to the middle of *March* following, that almoſt all *Cattle* and *Fowl* Periſhed, and therewithal an exceſſive *Dearth* followed.

FINIS.